#### NOTICE OF VIOLATION

# California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

Re: Di (2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate (DEHP) and Di-n-butyl Phthalate (DBP) in Headphone Cables

January 31, 2008

This Notice of Violation is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d).

- For general information regarding the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, see the attached summary provided by the California EPA (copies not provided to public enforcement agencies).
- This Notice of Violation is provided by the Center for Environmental Health ("CEH"), 528 61<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite A, Oakland, CA 94609, (510) 594-9864. CEH is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to protecting the environment, improving human health and supporting environmentally sound practices. Michael Green is the Executive Director of and a responsible individual within CEH.

## Description of Violation:

• The names and addresses of the violators are:

Disney Enterprises, Inc. 500 S. Buena Vista St. Burbank, CA 91521

The Walt Disney Company 500 S. Buena Vista St. Burbank, CA 91521

Griffin International Companies, Inc. 100 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 300C Minneapolis, MN 55403

- The violations have been occurring since at least Jaruary 31, 2005 and are continuing to this day.
- This Notice of Violation covers the "warning provision" of Proposition 65, which is found at California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6.
- The names of the listed chemicals involved in these violations are: 1) Di (2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate ("DEHP"), which is also known as Bis (2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate, and 2) Di-n-butyl Phthalate ("DBP"). Exposures to DEHP and DBP occur from use of the products identified in this notice.
- The specific type of products causing these violations is Headphone Cables. The Headphone Cables are made of and contain DEHP and DBP. A non-exclusive example of this specific type of products is the Disney "My Style" Children's Behind the Neck Headphones, UPC #8-42892-03049-5.
- <u>Description of Exposure</u>: Use of the products identified in this notice results in human exposures to DEHP and DBP. DEHP and DBP are contained in the

Headphone Cables. The routes of exposure for the violations are dermal absorption directly through the skin when consumers wear, touch, use, or handle the products, ingestion via hand to mouth contact after consumers touch, use, or handle the products, and direct ingestion when consumers place the products in their mouths during normal use. These exposures occur in homes, workplaces and everywhere else throughout California where these products are handled or used. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with these products regarding the carcinogenic or reproductive hazards of DEHP or DBP.

#### Resolution of Noticed Claims:

enforcement lawsuit against each alleged violator unless such violator enters into a binding written agreement to: (1) recall products already sold; (2) provide clear and reasonable warnings for products sold in the future or reformulate such products to eliminate the DEHP and DBP exposures; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(b). If any of the alleged violators is interested in resolving this dispute without resort to expensive and time-consuming litigation, please feel free to contact CEH through its counsel identified below. It should be noted that CEH cannot: (1) finalize any settlement until after the 60-day notice period has expired; nor (2) speak for the Attorney General or any District or City Attorney who received CEH's 60-day Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with CEH will resolve its claims, such agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this notice to CEH and its counsel Mark N. Todzo at Lexington Law Group, LLP, 1627 Irving Street, San Francisco, CA 94122, (415) 759-4111.

# CERTIFICATE OF MERIT Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d)

I, Mark N. Todzo, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged that the parties identified in the notice have violated Health & Safety Code §25249.6 by

tailing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

2. I am an attorney with the Lexington Law Group, LLP, and I represent the noticing

party, the Center for Environmental Health ("CEH").

3. Members of my firm and I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant

and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies or other data regarding

the exposures to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.

4. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on other

information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private

action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the

information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's case can be established

and the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the

affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

5. The copy of the Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it

tactual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information

identified in Health & Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e. (1) the identity of the persons consulted

with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies or other data reviewed by those

persons.

January 31, 2008

Mark N. Todzo

Attorney for CENTER FOR

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

#### PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I declare that:

I am employed in San Francisco County, California. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within cause; my business address is 1627 Irving Street, San Francisco, California 94122.

On January 31, 2008, I served true copies of the following documents:

NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT:

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; and** 

THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY (only sent to those on service list marked with an asterisks).

I placed a true copy of this paper in an envelope addressed to:

See Attached Service List.

I am readily familiar with my firm's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service, to wit, that correspondence will be deposited with the United States Postal Service this same day in the ordinary course of business. I placed the envelope containing the above-mentioned documents for collection and mailing on January 31, 2008, following the ordinary business practice.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on January 31, 2008, at San Francisco, California.

Signed:

Lindsay Flee

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